



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## Sanford, ME

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Town of Sanford was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The town has a population of 20,806, with a seven percent unemployment rate, the highest in southern Maine. Nearly 13 percent of Sanford's residents live in poverty. After large mills closed in the 1950s, the town worked hard to rebound. However, during the 1980s and 1990s, many businesses relocated or closed, leaving a wide range of brownfields, from large mill sites to smaller manufacturing facilities. The town envisions a community centered around its downtown area and the Mousam River. Redevelopment of three priority sites into recreational areas and mixed-use commercial and residential structures along the river will bring back community pride and provide economic opportunities.



### Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Sanford for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used for community outreach and involvement activities, an inventory of brownfields sites, Phase I and II assessments, and remedial and reuse plans for three priority sites. The sites include two former mills and a former manufacturing facility.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.